MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes. Rs. 3,000.

(*b*) None.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know the purpose for which this amount of Rs. 3,000 was provided in the budget of the current year ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : If lands were handed over, the idea was to complete the remaining portion.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU :: ലാൻഡ്സ് എപ്പോഴും സൗജന്യമായി വിട്ടതരണമെന്നു പറയുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്തിട്ടാണോ മറ്റുള്ള വേലകൾ എല്ലാം ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും നടത്തുന്നതെന്നു പ്രസ്താവിക്കാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു സ്ഥലം വിട്ടതരണമെന്നാണു് തീരുമാനിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്. പലവിധത്തിലും നടക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഒരു പ്രത്യേകതീരുമാനം ഉണ്ടാകുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണു്?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : ഇതു പല പ്രാവശ്യവും പ്രസ്താവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണു്. ജനങ്ങൾ ഈ തോടുവെട്ടുന്നതിനു ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ട സ്ഥലം വിട്ടുതരാമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അതനുസരിച്ചാണു ജോലി തുടങ്ങിയതു്. പിന്നീടു വിട്ടുതരുന്നില്ലെന്നുകണ്ടു ജോലി നിറുത്തിവച്ചു.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : പബ്ലിക് വർക്സ് എർപ്പാടുകൾ എല്ലാം ജനങ്ങൾക്കുവേണ്ടിയാണു്. അല്ലാതെ മൃഗങ്ങൾക്കുവേണ്ടിയല്ല. എന്നാൽ ഇപ്പോൾ വേല നിറുത്തിവച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നു പറഞ്ഞതിന്റെ ഔചിത്യമെന്താണു്.

MR. I. C. CHACKO : ഇതു പല പ്രാവശ്യവും പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതാണു്.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether there was an offer by the public to surrender land free of cost for this purpose ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Yes, that was the understanding.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : No, Sir. I challenge that statement.

PRESIDENT : Yes the challenge is noted.

Alleppey-Shertala Canal.

424. * MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount so far spent on the Alleppey-Shertala Canal ; and

(*b*) whether the said canal is now navigable ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Rs. 6,51,299.

(*b*) The canal is navigable to a length of 5 miles, 3,083 feet.

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MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the canal is properly maintained every year?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has at any time inspected the canal?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I have gone there and inspected it several times.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the Chief Engineer knows that there are some portions which are kept very dirty?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: That may be so.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the honourable member knows that it is a safe resort for mosquitoes?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I am not aware.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that I am put up near the cut portion of the canal at Alleppey?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I am not aware.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the honourable Chief Engineer is aware that I am a member of the Assembly?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Certainly, I am aware.

MR. E. P. VARUGHESE: May I know how many miles are yet to be opened?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: About 7 miles.

MR. E. P. VARUGHESE: What will be the cost?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It will be about 6 lakhs of rupees.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether there was any offer of contracts to finish the work?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No contract was entered into.

MR. T. C. KE SAVA PILLAI: ഈ കൊളുക്കുവർജ്ജിക്കുന്നതു ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയരുടെ കുറ്റംകൊണ്ടോ, അതോ മുൻസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുടെ കുറ്റം കൊണ്ടോ?

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Sir, I sent up an agreement when Mr. Doraiswamy Iyengar was the Chief Engineer. This was a contract taken from 8 contractors of the locality offering to finish the work at a total expenditure of Rs. 4,00,000. This contract was taken at the instance of the Chief Engineer. But the present Chief Engineer says that there is no such contract.

PRESIDENT: I also think so, because it never came before me. If there was any such contract, the Chief Engineer would have submitted it to Government.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Even otherwise was it not merely an offer?

PRESIDENT: Any how I never heard about it.

MR. I. C. CHACKO: There was no contract at all.

SAHIB BAHADUR P. S. MUHAMED: ഈ തോട് വെട്ടിത്തീർക്കാത്തതു, അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സംഖ്യയുടെ ഗണ്യമായ കുടുതൽകൊണ്ടോ, അതോ, മറുവല്ലുകാരണങ്ങൾകൊണ്ടോ?

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MR. I. C. CHACKO : സംഖ്യയുടെ ഗണ്യമായ കുറവുകൊണ്ടും ജോലി തീർന്നാൽ അതിനെ മെയിൻറയിൻ ചെയ്യാനുള്ള പ്രയാസംകൊണ്ടുമാണ്?

Central Prison.

425. *SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*): With reference to the remarks made in the Report on the Administration of the Central Prison for 1116, that "for want of proper accommodation due to overcrowding, teaching was not conducted regularly for some time," will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether arrangements have been made since then for providing increased accommodation ; and

(*b*) whether teaching has now begun to be conducted regularly ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The teaching of adolescent male convicts in reading, writing and elementary mathematics is carried on regularly every morning and evening.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA: With reference to the answer to part (*a*) may I know why no arrangements have been made for providing increased accommodation ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: It has not been possible to provide increased accommodation in the Central Prison so far. The matter is under consideration.

Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 416**

Statement *re* jurisdiction of the Quilon District Court.

The number of pakuthies in the Mavelikara Taluk which are under the jurisdiction of the Quilon District Court.	Names of pakuthies.	Distance in miles of each pakuthy to the District Court, Mavelikara.	Distance in miles of each pakuthy to the District Court, Quilon.
6	Pandalam Thekkekara	12	34
	Palamel	10	32
	Thonnalloor	10	34
	Nooranad	7	28
	Vallikunnam	6	25
	Thamarakulam	9	26

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